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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention...

AFTER THE SHOUTING IF YOU wagered money on a losing candidate you may have some reason to grieve when the returns are in...

FIGHTING THUGGERY EDWIN S. VARE is shocked at the rumors that anything like a repetition of Frog Hollow tactics is to be attempted in downtown Philadelphia today...

SEVEN-CENT RIDES CONFUSION, delays and occasional flares of bad temper were inevitable with the introduction of the seven-cent and four-rides-for-a-quarter schedules on the lines of the P. R. T. Trolleyman will now have to spend a good part of their precious time counting coppers...

COMMUNITY SPIRIT PRESIDENTS of the Cobbs Creek boulevard community are to be congratulated on their persistence. At a recent mass-meeting the latest attempt of the Council to defy public sentiment was countered by a resolution urging the defeat of a new ordinance...

HOG ISLAND TERMS ACCORDING to Howard B. French, the shipping board has expressed a willingness to consider plans for the leasing of Hog Island. Ordinary business sense would seem to justify this change of viewpoint...

while in some future emergency. Under this arrangement, moreover, the present timidity of capital might be overcome. Certainly it would be wisdom to face the Hog Island problem realistically. The worst that could happen to the colonial shipyard would be a prolonged period of inactivity. Terms that will retain or renew some life in the plant must in the long run be preferable to those which, however ideal, are unappealing.

Mr. French intimates that Philadelphia capital is making new efforts to make use of the vast resources and equipment of the yard. If the government is inclined to be skeptical over nebulous reports of a solution of the difficulty, that may be natural, but is a poor reason for making all terms discouragingly inflexible.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN THE ELECTION RETURNS

The Size of Harding's Plurality Will Depend on the Vote in a Group of "Doubtful States" ACCORDING to the best forecast obtainable, the point to be decided at the polls today is not the election of Senator Harding to the presidency but the size of his majority.

The spokesmen of both national committees are, of course, insisting that their candidate will be elected. The Republicans under other circumstances would be insisting on it in public even though they admitted in private that Senator Harding did not have a chance of victory.

It is admitted that Senator Harding will carry all the states which gave their electoral vote to Judge Hughes in 1916. There is difference of opinion about his ability to carry some of the normally Republican states that supported Wilson then, but not about many of them.

Take Ohio, for example, which Wilson carried by 50,000. The Democrats are claiming it for Cox by 30,000 to 75,000. But the Republicans insist that Harding will have from 50,000 to 200,000 plurality. Both Democrats and Republicans are substantially agreed that Mr. Wilson will be elected to the Senate by the Republicans.

California returns will be interesting also, for Wilson carried that state four years ago. His plurality was small, but it was enough. Senator Johnson gave Hughes no help, but this year he is supporting Harding.

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In New Hampshire, where Wilson won by 56 votes four years ago, it is admitted by both Republicans and Democrats that Harding's plurality today will be from 5000 to 12,000. The re-election of Senator Moses, however, is in doubt. If Harding polls 12,000 votes more than Cox the re-election of Moses is likely.

There is no uncertainty in Wisconsin or Illinois over the Republican presidential ticket. Wisconsin is bitterly opposed to Wilson and his plans for the League of Nations. There is no Democratic state organization there worthy of the name. The fight is between the La Follette and the anti-La Follette wings of the Republicans. Senator Lenroot, running for re-election, is opposed by Mr. Thompson, a La Follette follower, and by Dr. Reisch, former minister to China, a Democrat.

While Illinois is regarded as safely Republican, there is uncertainty over the election of a Republican governor. The Republican candidate is a creature of Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, and is opposed by the Chicago Tribune and other powerful influences which would rather have Tim Haney, a Democrat, elected. The Tribune has the power of Mayor Thompson extended from Chicago to the state capital. As in Iowa, the senatorial fight in Indiana

is more uncertain than the presidential contest. Harding is likely to get a safe plurality. If he polls a very large vote he will carry Senator Watson through with him. Watson, however, by his course in the Chicago convention, offended many Indiana Republicans who wished General Wood to be nominated, and Thomas Taggart, with his powerful Democratic machine, has been doing his best to keep this feeling alive, so that it may increase his own strength in the senatorial fight. The success of Lenroot, Cummins and Watson seems to depend on the ability of Harding to pull them through. If there is to be a Republican landslide today they are certain of election.

The Democrats have been making a hard fight on Senator Wadsworth in New York, but they started wrong by nominating a weak candidate in the person of Lieutenant Governor Walker. Wadsworth will lose the votes of some Republican suffragists, but the political observers say that this loss will be more than compensated for by the Democratic votes which will be polled for him by electors who object to Walker.

In Connecticut the contest is over the return of Senator Bradley. He is opposed by a League of Nations Democrat, but the regular Republican strength is with him as the organization candidate. His party, which endorsed the league in its convention, renominated him because of its liking for his abilities and for his loyalty to the interests of the state. While his election could not be interpreted as an endorsement of his irreconcilable attitude on the league, his defeat would be a condemnation of it. The fight on him does not endanger Harding's prospects, for Harding is likely to have a safe plurality.

While the crowds which will await the election returns tonight will be interested chiefly in the general outcome, there will be some who will think it worth while to look for indications of the verdict on those special features of the contest we have indicated. And it is in those features that signs of the temper of the voting public can be found.

GUERRILLA POLITICS IRRESPONSIBLE guerrillas in both political parties have for weeks been making an altogether shameful use of the subtler agencies of propaganda. Telegrams and bulletins are chivalrous gentlemen beside the nameless thugs who, from a safe place in the dark, fling poisoned rumors at defenseless opponents. Your routine criminal faces a known risk. Slanderers who work from a safe ambush do greater damage and run no risk at all.

Mr. Harding and the men who have had charge of his campaign had no means of dealing with the paid liars who functioned with extraordinary energy during the closing weeks of the fight. Vile slanders, aimed at a man's forebears, can not be debated in public even to prove the cruel falsity of a manufactured lie. Lincoln was dead and the world at large was breathless with a sudden sense of his immeasurable greatness and the bitterest among those who had been his enemies were overwhelmed and humbled and sorrowful when wolves in an opposing faction started rumors quite as groundless and even more base than those that have been circulated as anti-Republican propaganda in the last few weeks. Truth does not easily overtake a lie. Generations of testimony and research revealed the monstrous injustice of the label for which ignorant and brutal antagonists of Lincoln's party were responsible. Let even now that ancient falsehood shows its face for a moment in the current of historical discussion. Right-minded people who hope for government by generous and enlightened opinion and for an ultimate victory of reason over rant in American affairs have been sickened by much that they have had to listen to since the campaign for the presidency began to take form.

Wilson has not been spared. Atrocious slanders circulated by whisperers by guarded innuendo have been aimed at the White House and at a man who served his country till he fell under the weight of unexampled burdens. Few Presidents escaped the attacks of malignant bigots who lurk always in the background of every party beyond the control of responsible managers and leaders. The lunatic fringe that Roosevelt has had to be reckoned with in every campaign. Newspapers know this. Yet many of them went to extraordinary pains to make it appear that the incredibly bad taste of Colonel George Harvey, revealed in a cartoon that outraged decent sentiment everywhere in the United States, proved Senator Harding and his associates to be somehow irreligious, cynical and contemptuous of the cherished beliefs and traditions of the people. Colonel Harvey has ever been an embarrassment to his political friends. He must vent his hatred or perish. Why a candidate who has nothing in common with him should be pilloried for one of his characteristic performances is more than fair-minded men can understand.

The Republican partisans are by no means free from blame. Often enough they have offered as shamefully as their opponents. We in this country have only to look toward Europe to perceive the infinite folly and peril of deliberately created religious hatreds that divide nations and sow devastating suspicions and dislike among friends. Yet, not long ago, there was issued what purported to be a reprint from a religious journal which blandly described the ways in which a Democratic victory at the polls would mean the predominance of Catholic influence in Washington and pave the way for an effort to establish the papal power in the United States. Copies of this astonishing bit of campaign literature were mailed in vast quantities to fraternal orders everywhere in the United States. The religious journal credited with the article is a myth. It does not exist. The article in question was written by some propagandist.

Here was an insult to the mind of the country and gross misrepresentation of a vast class of Americans who have proved in every emergency, in peace and in war, that their religious convictions have never colored their political beliefs or diminished by a shadow their loyalty to the ideals and principles on which our government rests. The worst of it is that such efforts to divide America, to create hatreds and suspicions off with the heads. They are a special feature of the seating arrangements where their badges made 'em look like a tulip bed down on Lew Sadler's Cumberland county estate.

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QUICK AND THE DEAD

Undertakers Played a Mean Trick on Them, Doctors Say, in Getting Pay for Burying Paupers Dissectors Need

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN THIS is a chapter on the "Quick and the Dead." Incidentally it illustrates the wide diversity of matters that the coming Legislature will have to deal with. After all a Legislature is a sort of junk shop in which all sorts of subjects are thrown for legal adjustment and disposition by statute.

From off the battlefields of France in the last two years there has come a humanizing and benevolent breath that might not have been felt for years had it not been, oddly enough, for the world war. The need, and the work, of rehabilitating the victims of the titanic struggle drew attention to the victims of our industrial army that every year is counted by tens of thousands in the accident lists of great industries.

We are building up and restoring the shattered and crippled of the Argonne and the Meuse, and this suggested the same work for the maimed and crippled in our industrial army at home. As a result the last Legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the two years for the restoration to usefulness of persons in industrial accidents who in a few years ago would have been relegated to the human scrap pile.

Congress recently passed a law appropriating \$80,000 for the same purpose for the maimed and crippled in industrial accidents. It is with the proviso that our state appropriate a like amount. The federal act further stipulates that the entire fund shall be administered under federal supervision.

There is going to be a fight in the Legislature on this subject. Our lawmakers will undoubtedly object to the plan of the state adopting the federal bill and turning over its functions to the Washington authorities. It is a pretty well-known fact, though not usually discussed outside the medical profession, that bodies of unclaimed pauper dead in this state are used for dissecting purposes in the medical colleges.

Prior to last year the law provided that these bodies should go to the State Anatomical Board, which saw to their distribution as described. But this gruesome arrangement was knocked in the head by the Legislature of 1919. As a result there is a dearth of cadavers in every medical college in the state. The shortage has become so acute that it is impossible to obtain a sufficient number of dissections, it is understood, have been compelled practically to abandon the gentle art of dissection in their medical departments.

What with the anti-vivisectionists keeping an eagle eye on anatomical subjects for the dissecting knife nowhere in sight, physicians and surgeons in embryo are most emphatically "up against it." STRANGE to say the undertakers are blamed. A combination of the undertakers of the state had passed an act in 1919 appropriating \$50 a head of each pauper. It was a mighty clever thing, and quite profitable as a side line for a profession which dates back to the Pharaohs and then some. There is good reason to believe that the general public are of the faculty of our leading medical colleges regard it as a low-down trick of the undertakers.

Particularly as the undertaker, in the final days of his life, follows the physician in sequence of events. The natural solution would be that the State Anatomical Board pay the undertakers \$50 a head, or body, and let it go at that. This would be not only a costly but an unheard-of proceeding. But remedial measures are under way and there are prospects of a fight at the coming session at Harrisburg.

Dr. Adinell Hewson, of this city, is secretary of the State Anatomical Board. He is going to stand. Its purpose will be to study the broadest and best uses of their new privileges. Such is the belief of Mrs. Elmer E. Melick, prominent society and club woman of Philadelphia, who led the flying squad of the Republican women's committee on its successful campaign tour of the state these last two weeks.

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NOW MY IDEA IS THIS! Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

MRS. E. E. MELICK On the Future of Women in Politics WOMEN of today are looking forward. The troubles and problems of obtaining equal suffrage are forgotten. They have their eyes set on the future, studying the broadest and best uses of their new privileges. Such is the belief of Mrs. Elmer E. Melick, prominent society and club woman of Philadelphia, who led the flying squad of the Republican women's committee on its successful campaign tour of the state these last two weeks.

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SHORT CUTS

- Let 'er go, Gallagher! Every ballot has its billet. Do your earnest voting early. Maw now accompanies Vox Pop. Pay your election bets with apples. Tomorrow we'll all achieve normalcy. Slanderer's alms bemires the slanderer. Conductors earned the extra two-cent fare yesterday. The ballots today will reflect all political X-igencies. "No cross, no crown," the defeated candidate will murmur. In any case a good American will be elected President today. The traffic jam, heaven preserve us, is more or less of a pickle. Every Eve should boost the apple and every Adam back her up. Sadler and Linn, Sadler and Linn, to simply ignore them were surely a sin. What a catastrophe it would be if election officials were to go on strike for shorter hours! Prince Paul wants it understood that he takes his conditional kingship conditionally. President and Mrs. Wilson have mailed their votes. A sweet and abiding trust in Burleson. Rapid transit isn't as rapid as it might be if the conductors didn't have to make change in pennies. The "I-told-you-so's" are a lap ahead in Cuba. The Cubans held their presidential election yesterday. A man no longer has assurance that if he goes around to the polls at 10 or 11 a. m. there will be no crowd there. Are Chicago girls growing immodest? A dispatch from the Windy City says some of them are showing their ears. Louisiana's efforts to close the gineries have no connection with country-wide efforts to close the grogeries. The exigencies of the war did the railroads one good turn: They made the public think more of service than of rates. There are other things in the world besides the presidential election, but today Uncle Sam is willing to forget them. It may be that voters in the First district are helping to elect a President today, but that, of course, is merely a side issue. The Kansas City man who first eloped with his stepmother and then with his stepfather's stepdaughter ought to watch his step. Incidentally the \$33,000,000 Philadelphia asks the right to borrow will go to Philadelphia workmen and will be spent in Philadelphia. From Bologna, Italy, comes word that Cecchi, murderer of Ruth Cruger, has started a hunger strike and will accept a shorter sentence. Supererogation. If he persists in his hunger strike he'll make it shorter. Two young men who are hiking from Boston, Mass., to Pensacola, Fla., are said to prove thereby their allegiance to the Republican ticket. We don't exactly "get it," but presume that if they were Democrats they would be marching in the direction of Salt River. East Side New York kiddies have lost their "Toy Man." For years he whittled wonderful animals for the children who visited the little garden where he and his old wife sat. But when she died he draped her shawl over her chair in the house they had occupied together for forty-two years and deliberately joined her. It is hard to condone the act of a suicide, but harder to find words of censure for an old, old man who suddenly grows lonely.

Rhymes for the Poesies

WHEN at the polls you go to bat And leave your ballot neat and pat. Be very, very careful that You do not step upon it.

A ballot is so large and smooth A voter must be uncouth Who goes to sleep inside a booth And grabs it for a blanket.

The woman suffragists, dear souls, At last have reached their longed-for goals; And Georgianna at the polls Declares they need a dusting.

Would judges—rude, rough men perform— Throw out a ballot, sans remorse, If (absent-mindedly, of course) She marked it with a lip-stick?

No, ma'am! The dress must wait. That's what! The right idea you have not got. Your ticket may be cut, but not Be cut up for a pattern!

As to Human Nature From the South Sea Islands The question has been raised at the University of California whether pretty girl students can obtain high marks by exercising feminine wiles on impressionable professors. It is human nature different at the University of California from what it is elsewhere?

What Do You Know?

- 1. What are ortolans? 2. What is the right of primogeniture? 3. What is karma? 4. How long was the longest period during which the Republican party was ever in power? 5. How long was the longest period during which the Democratic party was ever in power? 6. Who wrote "The Uncommercial Traveller"? 7. Of what city was Velasquez, the great painter, a native? 8. What was the year of the "Glorious Revolution" in England? 9. Who was Frederic Cuvier? 10. Where is the Romance language spoken?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Sir Isaac Newton was born in the first half of the seventeenth century and died in the second quarter of the eighteenth century. His dates are 1642-1727. 2. Steadman was nominated for Vice President by the Socialist party. 3. The Roman empire was once sold at auction by the pretorian guard, Julianus Sabinus Viduus was the purchaser. 4. This disgraceful event occurred in 192. 5. A dreamy piece of music is sometimes termed a nocturne. The name is also applied to a night-scene in painting. 6. Three noted novels by Balzac are "Pere Goriot," "Eugenie Grandet" and "Cousin Pons." 7. Florence Nightingale served as nurse at Scutari during the Crimean war, 1851-1856. 8. Nirvana is Buddhistic benediction; that is, the extinction of individuality and absorption into the supreme spirit. 9. Lisbon is the capital of Portugal. 10. The famous statue of the "Winged Victory" was found in the island of Samothrace in the Aegean sea.